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JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Employment shows biggest gain since 1993

Unadjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased four-tenths of a percent in June to 4.9 percent. June's unemployment rate typically increases as the labor force expands with more jobseekers, many of them students seeking summer employment.

Wisconsin's employment total for June rose sharply, up 66,900 over the figure in May, representing the largest month to month increase for the month of June since 1991.. The average monthly increase in the number of employed for the month of June is approximately 55,000.

"This impressive gain shows our economy is strong and growing," Secretary Gassman said. "Companies are expanding and adding jobs. As this positive news makes headlines, jobseekers renew their search, and that, combined with students hunting for summer jobs, pushes the rate up slightly, as expected. Overall, these are signs of a healthy state economy, which is encouraging as we focus efforts on some pockets of the state that require attention."

The unemployment rate was unchanged from June 2005. The state's labor force increased with 50,600 more employed and 4,000 more jobseekers for a total labor force increase of 54,600 participants.

June's preliminary nonfarm wage and salary estimates totaled 2,910,700 Wisconsin jobs, a monthly net gain of 23,800. Manufacturing posted a strong gain of 9,800 jobs, while leisure and hospitality added the largest increase with a seasonal addition of 11,500 jobs. Most of the major sectors posted monthly job gains except for those that normally shed jobs in June such as public and private schools.

An annual comparison shows Wisconsin with a net gain of 28,100 jobs or job growth of one percent compared to June 2005. Educational and health services employment as well as leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services employment led annual growth combining for 24,500 additional jobs. Construction employment is also maintaining consistently strong job growth with 3,700 more jobs than in June 2005 for growth of 2.7 percent.

Adjusted Data

Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted June rate was 4.7 percent, unchanged from May and the seasonally adjusted rate in June 2005. The nation's seasonally adjusted rate was 4.6 percent, which was also unchanged over the month and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than in June 2005.

June employment and unemployment figures for individual counties will be available July 26, 2006. This release also is available at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/>.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. JUN 06	FINAL MAY 06	YEAR AGO JUN 05	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3142.4	3058.7	3087.8	83.7	54.6
UNEMPLOYMENT	154.8	138.0	150.8	16.8	4.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.5	4.9	0.4	0.0
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2987.6	2920.7	2937.0	66.9	50.6
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2910.7	2886.9	2882.6	23.8	28.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	2493.6	2463.6	2468.6	30.0	25.0
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	660.2	644.6	655.3	15.6	4.9
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4.8	4.4	4.3	0.4	0.5
CONSTRUCTION	142.6	137.2	138.9	5.4	3.7
MANUFACTURING	512.8	503	512.1	9.8	0.7
Durable Goods	322.6	317.5	321.9	5.1	0.7
Nondurable Goods	190.2	185.5	190.2	4.7	0.0
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2250.5	2242.3	2227.3	8.2	23.2
TRADE	431.9	431.6	434.4	0.3	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	119.5	119.3	118.9	0.2	0.6
Retail Trade	312.4	312.3	315.5	0.1	-3.1
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	107.8	106.8	109.6	1.0	-1.8
Utilities	12	11.3	11.7	0.7	0.3
INFORMATION	49.1	49.1	50.2	0.0	-1.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160.8	158.9	160.7	1.9	0.1
Finance and Insurance	131.7	130.7	131.8	1.0	-0.1
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29.1	28.2	28.9	0.9	0.2
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	271.8	266.3	264.4	5.5	7.4
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	91.6	90.9	91	0.7	0.6
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	40.9	41.3	41.4	-0.4	-0.5
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139.3	134.1	132	5.2	7.3
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	394.5	400.1	385.1	-5.6	9.4
Educational Services	47.6	55.3	48.1	-7.7	-0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	346.9	344.8	337	2.1	9.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	278.6	267.1	270.9	11.5	7.7
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41.8	37.2	41.1	4.6	0.7
Accommodation & Food Services	236.8	229.9	229.8	6.9	7.0
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	138.9	139.1	138	-0.2	0.9
GOVERNMENT	417.1	423.3	414	-6.2	3.1
Federal Government	29.3	29	29.3	0.3	0.0
State Government	101.2	108.2	95.6	-7.0	5.6
Local Government	286.6	286.1	289.1	0.5	-2.5
 PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	 0.0	 0.0	 0.0	 0.0	 0.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3086.7	3075.9	3040.2	10.8	46.5
UNEMPLOYMENT	145.7	143.6	142.4	1.8	3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
EMPLOYMENT	2941.0	2931.9	2897.8	9.1	43.2

*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information